the approval of the Government of India before implementation of any project. They are also required to prepare action plan for rehabilitation of displaced tribal population so that no undue hardship is caused to them.

Schemes for Adivasi Tribals in Maharashtra

411. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some schemes for the uplift and welfare of primitive Adivasi tribals in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of fund earmarked for the welfare of such adivasis during the ensuing plan period?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides various Central and Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of Scheduled Tribes which are also available to Primitive Tribal Groups, a specific Central Sector Scheme for the development of primitive tribal groups has been launched from the year 1998-99. These schemes are available for the primitive tribal groups of Maharashtra.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 22 crore has been kept under the scheme of development of primitive tribal groups for Ninth Five Year Plan.

Illegal Occupation of Tribal Lands in Siliguri

412. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are number of cases of illegal occupation of tribal lands in the town of Siliguri in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action being taken/to be taken by Government to return the tribal lands to the tribals; and

(d) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) No specific instance has come to notice of this Ministry. However, the State Government is required to take necessary action as per the existing legislative measures prevalent in the State, as land is a State subject.

Transfer of tribal land to non-tribals in Ranchi

413. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that hundreds of acres of tribal land in and around Ranchi, Bihar have been transferred in the names of non-tribals;

(b) if so, the details available with Government;

(c) whether an inquiry has been ordered into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) No specific instance has come to the notice of this Ministry. However, the State Government is required to take necessary action as per the existing laws prevalent in the State, as land is a State subject. However if the Honorable member brings specific instances Government of India will take up with State Government to give justice to tribals.

Programme for development of Tribal areas in A.P.

414. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going programmes aimed at development of tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount of money released, so far, under this scheme; and

(c) whether the progress of the scheme has been found to be satisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Details regarding Central and centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Andhra Pradesh and fund released during Ninth Five Year Plan are given in Statement (*See* below)

(c) No report about non-satisfactory implementation of schemes has come to the notice of the Government.